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News from Congresswoman Shea-Porter



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Dear Friends,

At 2 AM this morning, Senate Republicans passed an almost-500-page tax bill. None of them had time to read the bill, which had handwritten sections scribbled in during the night that Democratic Senators had to find out about from K Street lobbyists because of their Republican colleagues' appalling, secretive process.

The Senate bill was rushed through in the dead of night to hide from the people the fact that it steals from the vast majority of Americans to benefit the very few. Next week, House and Senate Republicans will try to reconcile the awful tax scams that have now passed both houses and ram a bill through to President Trump's desk.

We can't stand by and let them rig this system even further against working families. Please join me in fighting against this truly devastating bill by [staying informed](#) and sharing the facts.

More Trump Administration trouble

This week marked yet another low point for the Trump presidency. On Tuesday, President Trump retweeted despicable, racist videos that drew shocked condemnation from world leaders.

Yesterday, former Trump Administration National Security Advisor Michael Flynn became the fourth member of Trump's slimy orbit to face serious charges, joining former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort and campaign officials Richard Gates and George Papadopoulos. Today's admission of guilt by Flynn is a very serious development in the Mueller investigation. Flynn has admitted that he lied to the FBI while he was a top Trump Administration official about his contacts with Russia. Now we know why President Trump pressed former FBI Director James Comey to drop his investigation of Flynn and then fired Comey when he refused: an attempted obstruction of justice. I will continue working to stop the Trump Administration from interfering with the Mueller special counsel probe's independence, because the American people deserve the truth and nothing less.

Fighting for opioid funding

Over the past year, we have developed bipartisan consensus around evidence-backed approaches to address the raging opioid crisis with treatment, prevention, and enforcement strategies. However, all of these strategies require adequate and appropriately distributed federal funding. That's why this week I co-introduced the Combating the Opioid Epidemic Act, which invests \$45 billion toward fighting the opioid crisis. It's past time for Congress to invest in fighting this crisis on a scale that matches its severity, and this bill will spur a much-needed investment.

Zero tolerance on sexual harassment

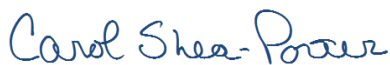
Right now our country is having a necessary and long-overdue discussion about sexual harassment and assault, and Congress must address its own institutional failures in order to credibly participate in that conversation. This week, Congress passed [a resolution](#) I co-introduced that will require annual training for Members and staff – an important step toward creating a safer Congressional workplace.

Given the news that came out this week, I hope Congressman Conyers will resign. I also believe the [20 allegations](#) of sexual assault and harassment by President Trump should be investigated. All of the women have identified themselves, so this should not be difficult. We must hold all elected officials to a zero-tolerance sexual misconduct policy, regardless of their party.

Closing thoughts

This week, my office has received a number of phone calls and emails about the FCC's proposal to end the net neutrality guarantee. To make your voice heard on this issue, you can also contact the FCC at 202-418-1000.

Best Wishes,



Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress

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House Dems introduce bill to provide \$45B for opioid epidemic

The Hill // Rachel Rouben

Four House Democrats introduced a bill Thursday to provide \$45 billion over 10 years to fight the opioid epidemic. In late October, President Trump declared the opioid epidemic a national public health emergency — a move that didn't free up millions of dollars to fight the increasing rate of opioid overdose deaths. Democratic Reps. Dave Loebsack (Iowa), Ann McLane Kuster (N.H.), Carol Shea-Porter (N.H.) and Grace Napolitano (Calif.) introduced the measure in the House.



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